

San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission

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Ms. Susan Schwartzenberg, Director
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Dear Susan:

On behalf of the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC), I want to let you know of my enthusiastic support of the Exploratorium's proposed project *Understanding our Foundations: The Iconic San Francisco Waterfront*. As a long-time collaborator with the Exploratorium and the Port of San Francisco, and in light of rising sea level and the need to make the waterfront more resilient, BCDC looks forward to participating in the series of place-based public engagement activities along the Embarcadero.

As the region's leading voluntary regional resilience planner and the Bay's regulatory champion, BCDC will bring to the project a vast storehouse of knowledge and experience about how communities can best determine how they can become resilient to rising sea level while contributing to the environmental and economic health of the Bay. Just as BCDC worked with the Exploratorium to craft a permit that allowed it to construct its new home, BCDC will work with the City and County of San Francisco to ensure that a new seawall will bring a long-term foundation of stability to the waterfront. That process can only be successful if the public becomes more aware of San Francisco's largely invisible but critical seawall and the need to address its vulnerabilities.

We at BCDC are eager to work with you on this, and other public education initiatives, which will make our region more resilient, and we thank you for your participation in our nascent public education working group. I look forward to working closely with the Exploratorium's advisory panel to ensure the project's success.

Sincerely,



LAWRENCE J. GOLDZBAND
Executive Director

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